

MINUTES  
KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE VISITOR CENTER  
AUGUST 17, 2016

- I. 5:30 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Ron Johnson.
- Board members in attendance: Ron Johnson, Richard Wallin, Susan Cushing, Bill Quackenbush, Paul Hayes, A.J. Mann, Tracy Littlejohn, Travis Downing; absent: Dave Maxwell. Staff present: Marcy West, Jason Leis, Sadie Urban, Fran Campbell, Mitch Erie.
  - Johnson: Revise order of agenda items – move Agency Liaisons up to third position after Officer Elections to accommodate the new Department of Tourism liaison. Wallin/Cushing motion to approve revised agenda; motion carried.
  - Downing/Wallin motion to approve April 21, 2016 minutes; motion carried.
  - Introductions – introducing new Board local representative, Travis Downing, filling Al Szepe's vacated seat and new Department of Tourism liaison, Drew Nussbaum.
  - Compliance with open meeting law: West – Yes, it's been posted in compliance with State law.
- II. Officer Elections: Johnson – Normally, election of officers at first meeting of the new fiscal year. Asks tabling of elections till next meeting. Cushing/Quackenbush motion to table election of officers until next meeting; motion carries.
- III. Other Issues
- Agency Liaisons – Drew Nussbaum, new southwest Wisconsin Department of Tourism representative, replacing Patrick Reinsma. Experience in private business and has served as Wisconsin Tribal liaison; is an avid outdoorsman, both motorized and silent sports. Covering large region but loves it and encourages contact for opportunities to work together.
- IV. Budget
- West – [handouts and fiscal year end 2016 on screen]. Spreadsheets are new format for Peoplesoft Accounting System – saves transferring numbers. Review of accounts and what they cover.
  - Request Approval to Submit 2017-2019 Biennial Budget [provided handouts in Draft form]: West – KVR budget was part of Tourism; now our own agency number and our own budget request. All State agencies directed to identify a 5% reduction in budget - \$32,000.00 for KRMB. Asking for approval and also request for adding full-time, permanent position. If Board approves in concept, that will be okay even though a draft. Propose taking bulk of \$32,000.00 out of appropriation 121. Appropriations 124 and 161 supplies and services lines likely to take a hit. Program Revenue will fund position; Department of Administration (DOA) does worksheet to determine fringe and actual salary for new position. Littlejohn: Good to have Ho-Chunk Nation president and legislators be aware of State budget cuts. Wallin/Downing motion to approve request to submit the 2017-2019 biennial budget to DOA for consideration; motion carries.
- V. Committee Updates
- Education and Tourism – Johnson: former committee chair, Al Szepe, has stepped down. Johnson presents meeting update.
    - Overview – [handout provided] 1,386 students attended programming this spring; summer camp full. Sounds like it went smoothly. Reported summer camp budget looked good with Friends of KVR and Organic Valley helping with food costs.
    - Consider fee increase from \$3/student/1.5 hour program to \$4/student/1.5 hour program for the 2016-17 school year – Currently, instructors are at \$13.50/hour; take it to \$14.50/hour. School visit fees not raised in several years. Slight raise to keep up with other centers and use for

instructor raises. Asking raise program starting September from \$3/student to \$4/student for 1.5 hour program. Littlejohn asks if raise was discussed with people affected. Urban says may be bussing assistance. Littlejohn/Cushing motion to increase fee from \$3/student/1.5 hour program to \$4/student/1.5 hour program. Discussion: Julie Hoel: Most come for three programs, or \$12/student. Quackenbush: Question – when last raise? Urban: Three to four years ago. Hayes: Fee increase couple with raises? Urban: Yes. Motion carries.

- Upcoming events – Urban: [handout] 224 Dam Challenge registrants as of today – goal is 550 with 10% no-show rate; tonight Nuzum talk on invasive jumping worms; Tromp & Chomp same size as last year brought in \$2,900.00.
- Land Management – Wallin, chair: Met. August 9. Couple items recommended for Board action.
  - Request from adjacent property owner Steve Rodgers to cross portion of KVR near Rogers Road for Timber harvest; discussion to treat as we would on KVR; draft agreement requiring Archeological Site survey; frozen ground; repair etc. Leis will draft it.
  - Weister Creek; met with Army Reserve Sergeant to use project as a training opportunity for recruits to use heavy equipment. Discussion; need a Memorandum of Agreement to alleviate concerns; understand responsibility. Land Management will review draft prior to Board Meeting.
  - Administrative Rule proposed draft by DNR to conform with concealed carry. Prohibits discharge of firearms other than hunting and in compliance with concealed carry. Legislature won't be in session until after election. Will proceed with rule changes then.
  - Enforcement Update – held another river patrol in conjunction with local, county and state officers and State DNR wardens. Happy with the minimal number of violations and that word has gotten out regarding glass on river etc. DNR may consider that for other rivers.
  - Other. Discussed Master Plan updates; will have changes by January. Heard citizen requests.

#### VI. Other Issues:

- Audience – no issues.
- Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve – Hoel, KVR Friends president: 234 members; July 4<sup>th</sup> hospitality cookies and punch; gardeners acting; paint with friends party; digital display of photos is still making the rounds—bank, library; gearing up with Urban for Dam challenge pasta supper already happening second meeting; September 2, next board meeting. Johnson thanks Friends for Visitor Center garden and Star Valley Memorial upkeep.
- Board and Staff:
- Call for suggestions of future agenda items:

#### VII. Downing/Quackenbush motion to adjourn; motion carries. Meeting adjourns, 7 PM.

Recorded by:  
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